

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] In one especially advantageous configuration of the invention, which prevents rotation of the tensioning nut not only by mutual axial contact of abutment and counter-abutment, the counter-abutment on the chuck comprises at least one finger extending radially outwardly, ~~especially~~ particularly, projecting tangentially. ~~[[, and on the]]~~ The tensioning nut is covered by it in ~~[[the]]~~ a position of use, ~~there is~~ with a projection extending in the axial direction, which contacts the finger in the circumferential direction for blocking rotational movement.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The somewhat elastic abutment finger further has the advantage that in a typical way the chuck can be inserted with its end region into the nut, wherein only the abutment finger has to be bent inwards somewhat elastically to be able to be led through the thread and the abutment. Here, the orientation and curvature of this abutment finger is favorable for rotating the chuck in the tensioning nut. Thus, a chuck can be used with a very large radial dimension of the tensioning region or the tensioning finger, which could not be introduced from the other side through the abutment and the thread of the coupling ring or tensioning nut. This arrangement thus allows nearly any sized radial ~~[[a]]~~ chuck expansion ~~with a nearly arbitrarily large radial extent for~~ of its tensioning region.

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Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] The tensioning nut 3 comprises adjacent to the end of its internal thread in the axial direction a sleeve-like extension 3a, within which the projection 4a is arranged and which in the axial direction is as large as the axial displacement path when the chuck which acts as a tensioning screw 2 is tightened or larger, so that a counter-abutment 5a located on the chuck 2 is also arranged within the sleeve-like extension 3a for a tightened tensioning screw 2 or tensioning nut 3.

Please move the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" from page 8, between paragraphs [0038] and [0039] to page 7 between paragraphs [0031] and [0032].

Please replace the Abstract with the following new Abstract: